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**Decision in Federal Appeal Cases.** The United States Court of Appeals, with Judges Sanborn, Van Devanter and Phillips on the bench, acted on the appeal of four cases yesterday. In the appeal of George H. Payne, plaintiff in error, vs. the Mutual Life Insurance Company, a continuance was made until the May term, 1905, per stipulation. The appeal of C. Young, plaintiff in error, vs. the United States was dismissed by the request of the plaintiff without cost to either party. The appeal of the Groden Budget Manufacturing Company, plaintiff in error, vs. the Clark Pressed Brick Company, was reversed for January 4, on account of the illness of the counsel for appellee. The decision of the United States Circuit Court of Nebraska in the case of Charles C. George et al., appellants, vs. the Sumner Wallace et al., appellees, was affirmed with costs.

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## VERNON ADMITS HE GOT MONEY

Defendant in Post-Office Sites Bribery Suit Says, However, Blanton Received Nothing.

**COL. DYER OPENS ARGUMENTS.**

Defense Will Close To-Day and Case Will Go to the Jury—Judge Adams Overrules Motion for Demurrer.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**

Hannibal, Mo., Dec. 8.—The taking of testimony in the trial of Doctor J. B. Vernon, under indictment for bribery in selection of the post-office sites at Columbia, Kirksville, Louisiana and Moberly, Mo., was completed to-day, and the arguments of the attorneys began.

United States District Judge Adams, who is sitting in the case, found it necessary to clear the courtroom at one time to secure seats for the witnesses, as there were a great many persons in attendance. The trial has attracted a great deal of interest, and the room is filled each morning for a long time before court convenes.

After the Government had rested with its testimony, Doctor Vernon took the stand in his own behalf. He admitted that he had visited every town in which he had loaned a post-office site was to be chosen, and that he had received money from residents at Columbia, Kirksville, Moberly and Nevada, Mo. He explained in detail his methods of securing the confidence of the persons who were anxious to get the post office located "on their side of the street," and how he demonstrated to them the "profit" that he would have in securing just what they wanted.

**DENIES BLANTON'S IMPLICATION.** He denied that he had ever had any understanding with Charles L. Blanton, the man appointed from the Treasury Department to select the sites, and with whom he admitted he had visited towns for the purpose of looking over the sites. He said that Blanton had never received a cent throughout the whole time of the transactions, and had not been promised anything. All of the work that he had done he said was accomplished without the aid of Blanton.

Blanton, who is indicted on the same charge for bribery, took the stand for Doctor Vernon, and said that he had never received any money from Vernon nor any promises of money. But he said that a person in Kirksville had offered him \$2,000 to locate the Post Office where he wanted it.

Vernon's attorneys filed a motion asking Judge Adams to instruct the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal, as the Government had not made a case against the defendant. Judge Adams overruled the motion.

United States District Attorney Dyer opened the argument for the Government this afternoon, and George W. Whitcomb spoke for the defense. Attorney Harkness will close the argument for the defense to-morrow, and the case will probably go to the jury some time in the afternoon.

**School Girl Dies at Her Desk.** **REPUBLIC SPECIAL.** Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 8.—Georgette Lewis, a 12-year-old schoolgirl of Gibson City, died while seated at her desk in the schoolroom to-day, supposedly from heart trouble.

## GREEK BIT OFF EAR OF BUSINESS RIVAL

Candy Peddlers Fought to Settle Dispute as to Right of Occupancy of Street Corner.

Two Greek candy peddlers—Pete Markelaf, 20 years old, and John Gianakakis, 30 years old—living at No. 512 Spruce street, disagreed yesterday afternoon as to which was entitled to the stand at Sixth and Walnut streets. A fight followed and Gianakakis sustained two severe scalp wounds besides losing his left ear, which Markelaf bit off and spat into the street. Gianakakis was taken to the City Hospital. Markelaf was locked up pending the placing of formal charges against him.

**BOYS INFLECT SERIOUS INJURIES UPON MAN.**

Throws to the Pavement, Fracturing His Skull and Causing Concussion of the Brain.

Mischiefous boys, in trying to make sport of Thomas Conney, 6 years old, of Philadelphia, inflicted probably fatal injuries to him last night.

Conney was talking with Edward Sleater, 12 years old, at Seventh and Market streets, when Sleater began to tease him. The trial has attracted a great deal of interest, and the room is filled each morning for a long time before court convenes.

He was taken to the City Hospital, where an examination showed him to be suffering from a fractured skull and concussion of the brain. He is in a serious condition. The boys became frightened and scattered, no arrests being made as Sleater is the only one known of the boys, and he cannot be located.

**ST. LOUIS CAPITALISTS GET MEMPHIS FRANCHISE.**

Legislative Council Grants Permit to Build Street Railway Looping Public Square.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.** Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Fletcher R. Harris, L. G. McNair, Corwin H. Spencer and J. G. McGinnis, all of St. Louis, organizers of the City Street Railway Company of Memphis, to-night secured a franchise from the Legislative Council permitting them to build a street railway looping the Public Square at the end of Court street and thence to the eastern limits of the city.

According to the conditions of the grant, work is to begin without delay laying the road, and a forfeit of \$50,000 is to be deposited by the company with the city as a guarantee of completion of the road.

**CLAIM FOR BOARD OF NEGRO.**

Mrs. Julia G. Cabanne Sues Estate for \$1,500.

Mrs. Julia G. Cabanne has filed a claim in the Probate Court against the estate of Alfred White, a negro, for \$1,500 for board from December, 1898, until January 1, last, except one month in the winter of 1901. White, who came from Virginia, was an expert caterer and was employed by the old families in St. Louis many years ago to assist at special functions. Before that he was a steward on the river. He died last April at the age of 83 years. He owned a piece of property and Charles F. Vogel, the real estate dealer, was appointed administrator of his estate. Mr. Vogel said that the property was "sequestered" and that it was sold and brought about \$1,000 more than the amount due upon it. Several other claims are pending against the estate, he said. He said that White derived little benefit from the property on account of the debt upon it, and that he made his home with the Cabannes.

## PATTERSON CASE OUNDED TO JURY

Prosecutor Rand Says He Shall Depend on Circumstantial Evidence.

UNABLE TO PRODUCE SMITH.

Will Attempt to Show Why Man Alleged to Have Bought the Revolver Has Disappeared.



**NAN PATTERSON.** The former Florida show girl, charged with the murder of George Young, whose second trial is now in progress.

New York, Dec. 8.—After John D. Benedict had been removed from the jury box by Justice Davis in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court, the two jurors necessary to complete the panel in the trial of Nan Patterson for the murder of George Young were chosen this afternoon. As the case began its opening statement.

Mrs. Patterson was the only woman in the courtroom when the prosecutor opened. Mr. Rand practically repeated the charges he made at the former trial, which was brought to a sudden end by the illness of a juror.

After referring to the relation between Young and Miss Patterson, Mr. Rand said: "While Young and his wife were on the way to the city late in the afternoon before the shooting, a tall, smooth-faced man of athletic build and having red hair and accompanied by a black-haired woman bought the revolver with which Young was shot at Hyman Stern's pawn shop, Sixth avenue, and a little later the defendant and her brother-in-law, J. Morgan Smith, had a dispute in front of a saloon at Eighth avenue and Fifty-third street. During this fracas the Patterson woman was heard to say: 'I won't do it. I won't do it. I won't do it.'"

Mr. Rand then told of the meeting of Young and the defendant on the morning of the shooting, of their ride down town in the handsome cab, and of the finding of the revolver in Young's pocket.

In closing, Mr. Rand said in part: "I cannot promise you that the men I shall call will swear to all they know. I think you will say that two of them—the cabmen, Michaels, and the pawnbroker, Stern—were not telling all they know, or agree with me that they are very important men. But there is one witness I cannot call, and he is the tall, smooth-faced man who bought the revolver with which Young was shot. I have been unable to locate him. He is J. Morgan Smith. Smith is a most important witness, because he is the man who bought the revolver, because they have run away, because he is the man who bought the revolver, because they have run away, because he is the man who bought the revolver, because they have run away."

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## MRS. SPRAGUE WILL FIGHT THE CASE

After Conference With Client, Her Lawyer Makes Statement for Her.

DENIES HUSBAND'S CHARGES.

Refutes Statement That She Shot at Morton and Declares She Was Not Infatuated With Him.

"My client at the proper time will defend the suit against her," yesterday declared Jephth D. Howe, counsel for May Lillian Sprague, who has filed a divorce petition in the Circuit Court Wednesday.

The exclusive publication of the details in the case by The Republic yesterday excited interest in business and social circles, where the three parties most concerned are known.

Mrs. Sprague sat in the private office of her counsel, Mr. Howe, yesterday afternoon, when he made the statement as to her side of the case. They had discussed the case for some time. Under advice from her counsel she is instructed to decline to discuss the case personally, but several times she interrupted him as he was speaking.

"Mrs. Sprague has continuously had the custody of her child since her separation from her husband," said Mr. Howe, deliberately. "At no time has Mr. Sprague raised any objection to this arrangement."

"His petition for divorce is the first demand he has made for the child's possession. The charges in her husband's application for a divorce are false, and Mrs. Sprague will seek to continue the custody of her child as heretofore."

**DENIES THE SHOOTING.** "First we wish to deny that Mrs. Sprague ever shot at George Morton, general passenger agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company."

Here Mr. Howe was asked if he wished to deny that a shot had been fired in Mr. Morton's office, as had been stated. "I simply wish to deny that Mrs. Sprague shot at Mr. Morton," continued her counsel.

"Secondly, we wish to enter an emphatic denial to the allegations that there have ever been relations between Mrs. Sprague and Mr. Morton of the character referred to. Their families were acquainted. That is not denied by any person."

"For some time Mr. and Mrs. Sprague have not lived together, but very cordial relations have existed between them. Mr. Sprague called at No. 418 Delmar avenue, where Mrs. Morton lived, with her child. He provided for Mrs. Sprague and the child."

Mrs. Sprague interposed the information that her husband on several occasions had visited the house and had taken the child out with him.

"Does it not then appear strange," asked Mr. Howe, "that Mrs. Sprague would call at the house if he knew that another man was living there?"

**SUIT SURPRISED THEM.** "The relations between Mr. and Mrs. Sprague up to the last few days have been very friendly, although they were living apart, and the filing of the suit at this time is a great surprise."

"I wish you would tell him also," interrupted Mrs. Sprague, "that it is not true that I was infatuated with Mr. Morton." Mr. Howe stated that Mrs. Sprague separated in June. "It was a case of incompatibility," said the lawyer, "and they agreed to disagree."

"I will not file an answer to the petition until February 1, which will be in ample time. What puzzles me is that the plaintiff should file a suit of this character now when it could be laid over to the session of the court in February."

"We will be prepared by the time the case is set to fight to the finish," said Mrs. Sprague. "I have seen the petition and do not know what it contains, but I will say that we will be prepared to meet it."

Asked if Mrs. Sprague will file a cross bill, Mr. Howe stated that that had not been decided.

**MORTON'S CINCINNATI FRIENDS ARE SURPRISED.**

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.** Cincinnati, O., Dec. 8.—The naming of George Morton, general passenger agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company, in the divorce petition filed in St. Louis by Edward A. Sprague has caused general comment in Cincinnati, Newport and Covington.

Morton was born and reared in Newport and is the son of Bruce R. Morton, who for twelve years was a member of the Kentucky city. He was graduated from the Newport High School and was a member of the Newport city and high school. He has been a railroad man since success as a railroad man has been a source of pride to his immediate family.

Mr. Morton was married seventeen years ago at the home of his bride's cousin, Mrs. F. L. Sprague, who lives at No. 418 Delmar avenue, Newport. The nuptial ceremony was quite an elaborate function. Morton was a member of the Newport city and high school. He has been a railroad man since success as a railroad man has been a source of pride to his immediate family.

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## SANTA FE WANTS THE SANITARIUM

Mayor Wells Receives Offer of 600 Acres of Land on Which to Erect Fraternal Building.

Mayor Wells yesterday received from Mayor A. B. Gibson of Santa Fe, N. M., a telegram offering 600 acres of land near that city, on which to erect the National Fraternal building, under the name of the "Fraternal Building," which is to be used as a sanatorium for consumptive members of fraternal organizations.

The offer from Santa Fe is the first received. While Mayor Wells is not officially interested in the project, he will give the matter his attention and probably will reply to Mayor Gibson's offer today.

According to a special telegram from Santa Fe, Mayor Gibson has secured the consent of the City Council to donate to the National Fraternal building, under the name of the "Fraternal Building," which is to be used as a sanatorium for consumptive members of fraternal organizations.

In addition the Board of Trade at Santa Fe several years ago secured 600 acres of land for a military post, which never was realized. These 600 acres will be at the disposal of the fraternal association.

The management of Sun Mount, the tent city for consumptives, located at Santa Fe, has been offered to the National Fraternal building, under the name of the "Fraternal Building," which is to be used as a sanatorium for consumptive members of fraternal organizations.

Statistics are being prepared by the United States Weather Bureau at Santa Fe to show that Santa Fe has a greater percentage of sunshine, year in and year out, and a more equable climate than any other point in the Southwest, the average velocity of the wind, so great a factor back to most Southern health resorts, being less than that of Denver, Colorado, Salt Lake City, El Paso, Phoenix and other points, while the summers are cooler than those of Colorado or Wyoming points and the winters much milder, the variations in daily temperature being remarkably small.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade at Santa Fe has been called for this evening to take up the proposition in a definite way. Former Governor L. B. Prince, who is in the East, and who is president of the Board of Trade, has been asked to stop at Santa Fe on his way home and confer with the parties interested, and to close if possible the deal for bringing the fraternal building from St. Louis at once to the proposed site at Santa Fe.

**ADVERTISING MEN WILL HELP THE MILLION CLUB.**

Lodge Appoints a Committee to Assist in Forming the Proposed Organization.

At the annual meeting of the St. Louis Advertising Men's League, at the St. Nicholas Hotel last night, the League pledged itself and its members as individuals to take an active hand in the formation of the Million Club, to boost the New St. Louis.

A resolution was passed and a committee appointed to present it to the Million Club next Tuesday, urging the Million Club to remember that display advertising begets confidence and compels, while the news column only informs. Therefore, the Million Club, by its advertising, is doing a great deal of good for the city.

The officers elected at the meeting were: President, C. H. Jones; second vice president, G. H. Jones; third vice president, and Byron W. Orr, secretary.

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